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Electeds, ATU 1056 Remind Community They Got Their Bus Service Back

Queens Elected officials, including State Senator Tony Avella, Members of the Assembly Barbara Clark, David Weprin, Ron Kim and Nily Rozic, and Council Members Leroy Comrie, Mark Weprin and Ruben Wills, joined Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU) Local 1056 today (Friday, January 4, 2013) to remind the public that bus service restorations announced by the MTA [last summer](#) get fully implemented next week. At the Q27 Springfield Boulevard bus stop off the LIRR in Queens Village (west side Springfield Boulevard between 97th and Jamaica Avenues), ATU 1056 President and Business Agent I. Daneek Miller, concerned legislators, Community Board 13Q Chair Bryan Block and Transportation Alternatives' Juan Martinez urged Queens residents to take advantage of restored service starting Sunday on the the [Q24](#), [Q27](#) and [Q36](#) (extension of route to restore the former Q79) bus routes and starting Monday on the [Q30](#) and [Q42](#). Miller noted restored service started on the [Q76](#) this past October. ATU 1056 members – bus operators and mechanics – work for MTA New York City Transit's Queens bus division and serve the riding public.

“ATU Local 1056 wants the public to know about the return of service once the subject of the misguided and hurtful cuts that affected many communities outside Manhattan,” stated ATU President Miller who noted ATU Local 1056 had organized news conferences, rallies and other events with electeds and community leaders, and testified at hearings to get the MTA to reverse harmful cuts. “We made clear that the dollars existed to restore service in Queens and the facts today make that clear. ATU 1056 will work together with the community, our electeds and our sister transit unions to make sure the MTA delivers what the riding public in Queens needs.” President Miller, who also chairs the MTA Labor Coalition, also thanked the community and their electeds for their advocacy and support throughout this difficult period preceding the service restoration. ATU 1056 also thanked the three MTA board members who strongly pressed the case for restoring service – Allen Cappelli, Mitchell Paley and Andrew Albert.

"The service restorations are a tangible sign that the MTA is moving in the right direction," stated **MTA board member Allen Cappelli**. "Local 1056 president Daneek Miller and his members, working collaboratively with management should be proud, that the best interest of our riders was achieved through this team effort. I look forward to even more service improvements as we focus on less bureaucracy and more buses and trains!"



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“The restored bus lines will greatly improve the quality of life for seniors, students, and residents across eastern Queens” said **Council Member Leroy Comrie**. “Without many subway lines, buses are the main mode of transportation for thousands of people across the borough. I would like to thank the President of ATU Local 1056 Daneek Miller, and my colleagues in government, who also advocated for the restoration of these routes. We will continue to work collectively to ensure that service is improved around the borough.”

“People who were completely cut off from public transportation can once again access the transit system,” said **Council Member Mark Weprin**.

“I am proud to join ATU Local 1056 and members of the community in letting residents know that the bus service restorations we fought so hard for will be fully implemented next week,” stated **State Senator Tony Avella**. “When the MTA announced the restoration of this critical bus service last summer, it was the culmination of a long battle over the distinctive transportation needs of residents in this area of Queens. We made it clear to the MTA that the loss of this service was having a profound effect on members of this community who do not have ready access to the subway and therefore rely on buses to take them to work or important appointments. I am glad the MTA heeded our call and I urge residents to take full advantage of the bus service we helped restore together.”

“In terms of meeting a critical need, it is difficult to overstate the good done by the restoration of bus services on the routes in question, especially late night service on the Q27,” stated **Assembly Member Barbara Clark**. “Any commuter who has ever worked a *graveyard shift* will attest to the importance of having an economical, safe and dependable transportation option. I am therefore overjoyed at these restorations and wish to express my appreciation to all those transit and ATU officials who worked to bring them about.”

"This was a tough battle to get this vital bus service restored," stated **Assemblyman David Weprin**. "Public transportation is so vital to our communities and often not given the attention it requires in our borough. I am proud to stand here today, beside my colleagues in government and members of ATU, to make this announcement and remind people these routes will be up and running next week."

"On behalf of thousands of Queens residents, I congratulate and thank ATU Local 1056 and President Daneek Miller for their continuous hard work and advocacy," stated **Assembly Member Ron Kim**. "During these tough times, more working families, seniors, and students depend on MTA's bus services. In fact, my parents depend on the bus almost every day when they commute to work. Our communities deserve reliable transportation."

"Like many of my neighbors who rely on mass transit it is great to hear that the Q24, Q27, Q30, Q36 and Q42 bus routes will be up and running for next week's commute," stated **Assemblywoman Nily Rozic**. "This is the first step of many that will provide better public transportation to Queens."

"It is crucially important that bus riders are fully aware of the important restorations made last summer," stated **Member of Congress Grace Meng**. "Our city's bus system is vital to our local economy, and the restorations are a victory for riders and hard working bus employees alike."

“Access to public transportation is vital to millions of Queens residents,” said State **Senator Toby Ann Stavisky**. “Many of my constituents in the past have relied on the Q27 and Q30 – two of the City’s busiest lines. Working together, the Amalgamated Transit Union, community leaders, and elected officials were able to restore service for these critical bus lines. Hopefully, restoration of full service on the Q34 will be next year.”

Assembly Member Cathy Nolan said, "Due to the hard work and advocacy of so many in my community, and the leadership of Daneek Miller and many at the MTA, restorations of bus services are underway, serving our neighbors and businesses." Anne Krzyzanowski represented the Assembly Member.

“ATU Local 1056 rallied communities and elected officials throughout Queens in the fight to stave off painful service cuts,” **State Senator Jose Peralta** said. “That hard work will be rewarded in the next few days when needed service along a number of routes is finally restored. Thank you to ATU Local 1056 for your leadership. Working families, seniors and students all over Queens are grateful.”

“Community Board 13 Queens is pleased to support the additional bus service,” stated its Chairman Bryan J; Block. “ These added buses will support the growing population and needs of the community.”

"The MTA has mended the grievous error of its prior administration,” stated Mr. Miller last summer on behalf the MTA Labor Coalition when the restorations were secured. “These service restorations in Queens address the needs of working families, workers, seniors, students who depend on their transit service. The members of the MTA Labor Coalition applauds this move and reminds the MTA more much remains to be done to provide the safe and dependable service throughout the system that the riding public needs and deserves."

[Download the bus schedules by clicking the linked route number: [Q24](#), [Q27](#), [Q30](#), [Q36](#), [Q42](#), and [Q76](#).]

[The chart detailing the service restoration follows below and photos on the page that follows]

Q24	Restore extension from Bway. Junction to Bushwick Ave. via Broadway. Serves East New York, Bushwick	Service restoration Improves service connectivity	Jan 2013
Q27	Provide overnight service from Horace Harding Expwy to Cambria Hts via Springfield Blvd Serves Queens Village, Cambria Hts	Network coverage restoration	Jan 2013
Q30	Provide service to Queensborough Community College	Service to new markets	Jan 2013
Q36	Extension of every other trip from Jamaica Avenue to Little Neck via Little Neck Parkway; restores weekday service along route of previous Q79 Serves Floral Park, Bellerose, Glen Oaks, Little Neck	Network coverage restoration	Jan 2013
Q42	Restore midday service from Jamaica Ctr. to St Albans via Archer Ave. Serves Jamaica, Addisleigh Park	Service restoration	Jan 2013
Q76	Restore Saturday service/add Sunday service from Jamaica to College Point via Francis Lewis Blvd Serves Jamaica, Jamaica Estates, Fresh Meadows, Bayside, Whitestone, College Pt.	Weekend service restoration and addition	Oct 2012



ATU Local 1056 President/ Business Agent I. Daneek Miller opens the news conference. Behind Miller (left to right) ATU 1056 Vice President Mark Henry, Assembly Member Cathy Nolan's representative Anne Krzyzanowski, Council Member Mark Weprin, Assembly Member Barbara Clark, Council Member Leroy Comrie, Assembly Member David Weprin, Council Member Ruben Wills, Assembly Members Ron Kim and Nily Rozic, State Senator Tony Avella, and ATU Local 1056 Board member Willie Moorer, Recording Secretary Gladys McDaniel and board member Kevin Brady. (Photo courtesy of ATU Local 1056)



Senator Tony Avella speaking at the news conference. Also (left to right) ATU 1056 Vice President Mark Henry, Assembly Member Cathy Nolan's representative Anne Krzyzanowski, Council Member Mark Weprin, ATU Local 1056 President/ Business Agent I. Daneek Miller, Assembly Member Barbara Clark, Council Member Leroy Comrie, Council Member Ruben Wills, and Assembly Members Ron Kim and Nily Rozic. (Photo courtesy of ATU Local 1056)



Assembly Member Barbara Clark speaking. Also (left to right) ATU 1056 Vice President Mark Henry, Assembly Member Cathy Nolan's representative Anne Krzyzanowski, Council Member Mark Weprin ATU Local 1056 President/ Business Agent I. Daneek Miller, Council Member Leroy Comrie, Assembly Member David Weprin, Council Member Ruben Wills, Assembly Members Ron Kim and Nily Rozic and State Senator Tony Avella. (Photo courtesy of ATU Local 1056)



Assembly Member David Weprin speaking. Also (left to right) ATU 1056 Vice President Mark Henry, Assembly Member Barbara Clark, Assembly Member Cathy Nolan's representative Anne Krzyzanowski, ATU Local 1056 President/ Business Agent I. Daneek Miller, Council Members Mark Weprin, Leroy Comrie and Ruben Wills, Assembly Members Ron Kim and Nily Rozic, and State Senator Tony Avella. (Photo courtesy of ATU Local 1056)



Assembly Member Ron Kim speaking. Also (left to right) ATU 1056 Financial Secretary Luis Alzate, Vice President Mark Henry and President/ Business Agent I. Daneek Miller, Assembly Member Cathy Nolan's representative Anne Krzyzanowski, Assembly Member David Weprin, Council Members Leroy Comrie, Mark Weprin, and Ruben Wills, Assembly Member Nily Rozic and State Senator Tony Avella. (Photo courtesy of ATU Local 1056)



Assembly Member Nily Rozic speaking. Also (left to right) ATU 1056 Vice President Mark Henry, President/ Business Agent I. Daneek Miller, Assembly Member Barbara Clark, Assembly Member Cathy Nolan's representative Anne Krzyzanowski, Assembly Member David Weprin, Council Member Ruben Wills, Assembly Member Ron Kim and State Senator Tony Avella. (Photo courtesy of ATU Local 1056)



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Council Member Ruben Wills speaking Also ATU Local 1056 Financial Secretary Luis Alzate, Transportation Alternative's Juan Martinez, ATU 1056 President/ Business Agent I. Daneek Miller and Vice President Mark Henry, Assembly Member Cathy Nolan's representative Anne Krzyzanowski, Assembly Member David Weprin, Council Members Leroy Comrie and Mark Weprin, Assembly Assembly Members Ron Kim and Nily Rozic, and State Senator Tony Avella. (Photo courtesy of ATU Local 1056)